Keeping you safe is my priority and the City’s priority. I again ask for your help to return security to our neighborhoods.

There have been six similar attacks in the North Park, City Heights, and Normal Heights communities in the last few months, all involving women walking alone in the evening hours, who were all attacked from behind. There have been no confirmed sexual assaults or stolen property, but the attacks have been violent and several of the women were knocked unconscious. There are one to two assailants and San Diego Police cannot absolutely confirm that these attacks are related at this time.

The sketch is of an alleged attacker from June 17 and the pictures depict a potential assailant involved in the latest attack. Please take a close look and help me and the San Diego Police Department identify him.

North Park Main Street and SDG&E sponsored a community walk during which volunteers canvassed street lighting near the intersection of 30th and University. It was determined from that effort that 23 streetlights were not functioning. Twenty of those have been fixed, two should be fixed soon, and one is pending a slightly more complicated issue.

SDCERS’ Private Equity Portfolio Named Best Among Public Pension Plans Nationwide

Reuters PE Hub has named the San Diego City Employees’ Retirement System (SDCERS) as the best public pension plan in the country when it comes to the performance of its private equity portfolio. The online publication’s results follow a July 2014 survey of more than 160 public pension funds nationwide.

“The success of SDCERS’ private equity program can be attributed to the thoughtful way in which the program was constructed, and the quality of the dialogue between staff and consultants. I am proud of our investments team and the Board of Administration, who work tirelessly to secure a retirement future for more than 20,000 members through an effective investment strategy focused on delivering long-term results,” stated SDCERS CEO Mark Hovey.

SDCERS’ private equity portfolio consists of 45 different funds, with commitments of $580 million. The survey noted 47 percent of SDCERS’ funds performed in the top 25 percent of all funds surveyed.

The private equity program invests in all types of assets and strategies globally, including buyouts, special situations and venture capital funds.

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Bicycle Advisory Committee Kicks Off

The City of San Diego Bicycle Advisory Committee held its first meeting on Wednesday, August 27 and has plenty of work ahead to help make biking a safer and more convenient option for getting around the City. Providing better alternatives to single occupant driving is a part of the Climate Action Plan developed by Council President Todd Gloria.

The Committee was appointed by the City Council on July 29 and is comprised of Kyle Heiskala of Hillcrest, Andy Hanshaw of Point Loma, Kathy Keehan of Rancho Bernardo, Michael Brennan of Hillcrest, Nicole Burgess of Point Loma, Petr Krysl of University City, Randy Van Vleck of Golden Hill, and Samantha Ollinger of City Heights.

The Committee will continue efforts to make San Diego more bike-friendly. A second road diet was completed in August on Madison Avenue between Park Boulevard and Texas Street. The center two-way-left-turn-lane was removed to allow for class II buffered bike lanes going each way. Providing more room for bicyclists is safer for them and for those in cars.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee will discuss road diets and other means of improving bicycle infrastructure throughout the City. Its meetings are public and full information about the Committee can be found online: http://www.sandiego.gov/tsw/programs/bicycle/bac.shtml.

Attention Local IT Professionals: City Outreach Event September 23

Connect your San Diego-certified Small/Emerging Local Business Enterprises (SLBE/ELBE) with local information technology opportunities in the City of San Diego.

Tuesday, September 23, 11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Road West

At this first quarterly networking event, representatives from the City of San Diego IT Department and service providers including Atos, CGI, and Xerox will be available.

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The lights at the tennis courts at North Park Community Park will also remain on at night to brighten the vicinity. Further, in response to concerns from the community and me, the city is converting the streetlights on Lincoln Avenue from Texas Street to I-805 to brighter LED bulbs. This project will include one new streetlight as well on Lincoln in the alley between Arizona and Texas. The potential for additional lighting along Idaho, Oregon and in the parallel alleys is also being considered.

I also initiated a conversation with the San Diego Unified School District to investigate ways to fund lighting and cameras on the ALBA School campus on the corner of Oregon and Lincoln. If purchased and installed, it may be possible for SDPD to potentially patch into those cameras to note any criminal activity.

A description of the alleged attackers from June 17 depicts a light-skinned Latino, 23 or 24 years old, about 5’8” tall. He wore a black shirt, a black and white checked long-sleeved shirt and had braces. One of the victims described his companion as Latino, 28 to 29 years old, who spoke with a Spanish accent and wore a hooded sweatshirt. If you have information related to the attacks, the location of which are shown on a map below, please contact the San Diego Police Department or CrimeStoppers.

I remain confident that these crimes will be solved. Please remember these tips that are always useful in staying safe and vigilant: avoid walking alone, walk with a purpose, remain alert and avoid looking down at your phone, avoid walking in alleys late at night or in dimly lit areas, keep your porch light on to increase lighting, and if you see something, say something. Please spread this information to your neighbors.

Helpful Phone Numbers

In the Case Of an Emergency: 911
SDPD Mid-City: 619-516-3000
SDPD Non-Emergency Line: 619-531-2000
Crime Stoppers: 888-580-8477
(to leave an anonymous tip)
Council District 3 Office: 619-236-6633
Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety
- Graffiti was abated from the Quince Street Bridge and from the 3200 block of Adams Avenue.
- “No Right Turn on Red” signs were put in at the intersection of 6th Avenue and Laurel.
- In an effort to provide extra patrol for traffic calming in Bankers Hill, six citations were issued in one day, at First Avenue and Spruce.
- The fence at Grape Street Park was enhanced and enlarged to increase safety between the Balboa Park Golf Course, the dog park, and the canyons where coyotes live.
- Council District Three staff assisted disabled veterans address parking citations.

Infrastructure Investment
- Water main housing was repaired in the 3100 block of India Street.
- A trench, approximately 12'x18', was skin patched to mitigate for any potential road hazards.
- An outreach meeting about utility undergrounding was held in Golden Hill on August 21.
- Angled parking lines that were in conflict with a pedestrian curb ramp in the 2300 block of Front Street were removed after confused drivers were being ticketed for illegal parking.
- The Golden Hill Planning Committee approved the conversion of angled parking on 28th Street to head-in parking, resulting in an additional seven parking spots.
- A white loading zone was removed near 27th and C Streets at the request of the property owner to increase parking.

Community Character
- A tree stump and its roots were removed from the 3600 block of Nile Street.
- A large tree trunk located at the bottom of Presidio Park was removed.
- An illegally dumped bed was removed from the 4700 block of Hawley Boulevard.
- Trash and debris were cleared from 32nd Street Canyon.
- Bush trimming and brush abatement was completed in the 2500 block of Lincoln Avenue.

City’s Pension Plan Earns National Recognition

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The survey scored both large and small public pension plans. The Los Angeles Water and Power Employee Retirement Plan represented a smaller plan because of its $138 million commitment to 15 private equity funds. The Indiana Public Retirement System represented a larger plan because of its $5 billion commitment to 247 public equity funds. The Missouri State Employee Retirement Plan was given the second best portfolio designation, followed by the Los Angeles Water and Power Employee (Retirement Plan).

“The independent acknowledgement that SDCERS is performing exceptionally well demonstrates the great improvements made over the past decade,” said Council President Todd Gloria. “I commend SDCERS board members and staff for their ongoing focus on responsible investing.”

The private equity ranking comes during the same period pension system investment officers reported a preliminary 16.6 percent investment return (net of fees) for fiscal year 2014. SDCERS’ 16.6 percent net return compares favorably to the system’s actuarially assumed 7.25 percent return. As of June 30, 2014, SDCERS’ estimated three-year investment return was 9.9 percent, the five-year return was 13.3 percent, and the 10-year return was 7.7 percent. Returns over the past 25 years have averaged 9.4 percent annually. Final returns for FY 2014 will be released in the fall.

View the Reuters article “Which Public Pension is Best at Picking PE Funds” and corresponding presentation by following the link below. The corresponding presentation has also been attached to the email release in PDF format.


SDCERS administers defined benefit plans for the City of San Diego, the San Diego Unified Port District, and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, and provides service retirement, disability retirement, death and survivor benefits to more than 20,000 members.

The survey was conducted by Bison, a company that tracks private equity funds. Bison created a score for each fund based on performance. The Bison score for the portfolio is an average of each underlying fund’s score. Each fund gets a score that is calculated based on the percentile placement of the fund against the vintage year.
1. Todd speaks with neighbors at CityFest.
2. Labor Day weekend found Todd on the B Street Pier for the Sand Sculpture competition.
3. Todd celebrates the annual Nicky Awards.
4. Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske of U.S. Customs and Border Protection met with Todd to discuss regional issues.
5. Todd shows off his reusable grocery bag at the North Park Library Open House.

Council President Todd Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee
- Member, San Diego Association of Governments Board (SANDAG)
- Chair, SANDAG Transportation Committee
- Member, SANDAG Executive Committee
- Member, Metropolitan Transit System Board
- Liaison, Civic San Diego
- Chair, San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Governance Board

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